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MEMORANDUM

To: Vaccines For Children Providers
From: Colorado Immunization Section
Date: 01-01-14
Subject: 2014-2015 VFC Pre-Book Influenza Vaccine Ordering

Dear VFC Providers,

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is currently preparing for the upcoming 2014-2015 Influenza season. The Centers for Disease Control are requiring us to submit our influenza vaccine pre-book much earlier in 2014. So our process to get provider vaccine pre-book requests will need to be earlier and have a shorter turnaround than in previous years.

What you need to do:

- Be prepared to submit your VFC influenza vaccine pre-book in January 2014.
 - Remember that the doses you pre-book through us are for VFC eligible children only.
 - Determine the doses you will pre-book **now** by reviewing the VFC doses you ordered, administered and have remaining for the 2013-2014 season.
- Submit your request early! The on-line form will **only be open for the month of January. The deadline to submit a pre-book is January 31st, 2014.**
 - The order form will close online and orders will not be accepted after January 31st, 2014.
 - Submitting a pre-book ensures that your clinic will get influenza vaccines with the first round of distribution.
 - Providers that do not submit a pre-book typically do not get influenza vaccine until after the third round of distribution.
- **Complete the online pre-book order form at the following link:**
<http://fs9.formsite.com/ColoradoIMMprogram/2014-15VFCFluOrderForm/index.html>

These vaccine orders will not be shipped until CDC releases our vaccine allocations. Tentative distribution will begin October or early November of 2014. Influenza clinics should NOT be scheduled until 50% or more of your vaccine pre-book order arrives in your office.